

## A WOMAN FOR A HORSE

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"What do you want to trade her for a horse? Why don't you buy a horse and take the woman with you?"

"We are one of those people," he said, "who are un-

too many anyway, and she has too many new ideas for us and it is cheaper to keep her than to buy a new horse.

One farmer along the route offered a mule for the woman, but the leader of the band and the woman both refused. A number of horses which could be sold when they reached the river would be sold for nothing and a mule could not be sold readily.

Other resident of Jersey, across the river from the woman, offered her a horse to consummate a trade with an old farmer's horse, but when he saw the woman and her party he refused. He said that he had heard he became frightened and drove away.

The girl, when asked her opinion of the trade, said:

"It's all right. I'm willing to go. If I don't wish more than a horse you needn't take me."

But the trader was unable to effect the trade. He said that the horse was not good. It was bought for \$20, near Bushkill, and the camp broke up and left the vicinity. The woman and her party were left alone. She had to proceed with them and said the bicycle was the means of making horse riding easy.

"It were in the South," she said, "I would have been working in some nice family by this time."

The group comprised eight persons, three of them women. They had three wagons.

**American Horses in Belgium.**

From the Pall Mall Gazette.

Antwerp.—The Hon. Bellamy Storer, United States minister at Brussels, visited Belgium last week, and made a number of inquiries as to the present condition and future prospects of the American horse industry in Belgium.

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erated by Mr. Storer that over 35,000 American horses have been imported through the English ports from the United States direct and via English ports. The horses have been sold in Antwerp for distribution throughout Belgium, France and other parts of the Continent. The same is true of Irish and sales of horses at a time are now being held at frequent intervals.

Among horses are growing in favor and their price is exceedingly low. Good carriage horses and light draught horses can be bought for \$5.00 or \$10 in the western prairies, and sold here at a profit of \$20.00.

**\$4,000 FOR A HUSBAND.**  
Farmer Place Uses For Property His Second Wife Transferred.

A curious case was before Judge Hirschman to-day, says the *Star*. Mrs. N. J. Spedden to the Sun. It was entitled James B. Place against James H. Conkling and others, and is a suit to set aside a deed given by a place to his second wife, which was made for the same, and to recover \$500 on a note claimed to have been paid by the place. Mrs. Place is an aged farmer, living near Washington, D. C. Her husband, James B. Place, died in 1884. Conkling was a neighbor, in whom he confided. In 1884 Mrs. Place died. Conkling was a physician, and attended to her wife's sickness, and when she died suggested that Place take his cousin, Mrs. Ann Hall, for housekeeper. Place took such advice, and in 1885 he died. Conkling then went to Pennsylvania for Mrs. Hall, a buxom widow of about 40. Place, who was a farmer, was a very simple man, and was in his ideas of a housekeeper. He soon made love to her, and she, who was very young, fell in love with him. They were married. He gave his bride a note for \$500.

In July, 1896, Conkling schemed further. Lawyer Seeger said, by getting Place to deed a \$4,000 piece of real estate in Washington to his wife, upon which she had a mortgage, he could get the mortgage to be paid off. Conkling said the deed was accomplished while Mrs. Place was sick and for the purpose of getting another payment for procuring her marriage to Place, although she understood the deed was for nothing.

stood that she was not to settle with Conklin until after her husband died. Plac then discovered the alleged fraud and he and his wife separated. She soon returned to him and said she never intended to do him a wrong. She sat by his side in court today and seemed anxious to help him.

Judge Fullerton, of New York, counseled her to leave her husband.

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### NO BIRDS ON WOMEN'S HATS

**This, However, Is Not Due to Humane Ideas, but to a Whim of Fashion.**

According to the buyers for the wholesale millinery firms, neither the Audubon Club, nor any of the women's clubs, nor any milliner can claim any of the credit for discontinuing the sale of song birds' feathers. It is simply a matter of business. Song birds' plumes are sold in Chicago and other places this fall for the simple reason that the styles have changed; that quieter tones, blacks, browns and gray predominate. The Audubon Club has no voice in the matter. It is the whim of the milliners and designers, and not the more brilliant colorings of the smaller song birds.

that any efforts to prevent the use of song bird plumage have penetrated to Paris where the modes originate, or that they have anything to do with the change. It is, they say, simply a reaction against the coruscations of color that prevailed a year ago, and the result of a foreknowledge of what would catch the popular taste.

Twice a year the buyers cross the ocean to inspect the modes produced by the fashion leaders of Paris. Their value to the firms lies in their being able to select what will appeal to the taste of the women on this side of the Atlantic. In this case the offerings were in subdued shades, which the buyers concluded to be the proper thing, and purchases on their judgment were freely made. The correctness of their

reasoning is being verified.

**JOE JEFFERSON TO CONVICTS**

**He Addresses Them on the Subject of Temperance, Incorporating the**

**Rip Van Winkle Story.**  
Joseph Jefferson, the celebrated actor, addressed 750 convicts in the Massachusetts state prison. Despite his 79 years he appeared as active and as full of enthusiasm and kindness as ever, and his talk which took the place of the customary

He took no text, he pointed no moral but never was a more forceful temperance sermon delivered. He gave his hearers the very soul of his own immortal "Rip Van Winkle"—the story of the storm, the wild flight up into the heart of the Catskills

So quiet was the chapel one could hear the deep breathing of the men. Their eyes were concentrated on the speaker, and

**Meaneest Thief Ever Tried.**

George C. Wallace, whom Recorder Goff of New York, has declared to be the meanest thief that has ever been tried, was sentenced to Sing Sing prison for two years.

Wallace, who had been befriended by Mrs. Mary Ryan, sent her a telegram announcing that her husband lay dead in Gouverneur hospital. When she went to the hospital he looted her flat.

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